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# Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Linda Wong

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## Period for Reply

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## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 March 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2 and 4 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 06 March 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

1. **Claims 1 and 3** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. The term "integral multiple" is recited in claim 1, line 11-12 and claim 4, line 3-4. In the specification, the term is mentioned in page 3, lines 16-17 and page 4, lines 6-7, but a definition is needed to explain the terminology clearly.
2. For the purposes of compact prosecution, the following claims have been examined on the merits as best understood. Please see rejections below.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. **Claims 1 and 3** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kim (Publication: "4-Dimensional Modulation for a bandlimited channel using Q<sup>2</sup>PSK").
  - a. Claim 1, Kim discloses a digital communication system (Fig. 1), having a symbol generator (Fig. 1, label Binary to Symbol) and a modulator (Fig. 1, labels Impulse generator, multiplying carriers and summation to output  $A_i(t)$ ). The symbol generator

transferred the binary bits to symbols based on a predetermined signal constellation (Col. 2, equation 1 and lines 1-7), each symbol representing a predetermined even number of consecutive bits in the bit stream (Col. 1, Section: Introduction, lines 31-33). The modulator comprises a predetermined modulation scheme to modulate a carrier signal with the symbol stream (Col. 2, equation 1, lines 1-7), characterized in that the signal constellation has a dimensionality of at least 4 (Col. 1, equation 1, lines 1-7) and are multiples of at least 2 (Col. 2, equation 1, lines 1-7), and that each symbol of the signal constellation corresponds to an ordered set of at least 2 sets of two or more numbers (Col. 1, Section: Introduction, lines 11-13) and inherently comprises modulating the carrier signal with the symbols or constellation from the symbol generator and the symbols or constellations have at least 2 ordered sets of at least 2 sets of 2 or more numbers. (Col. 2, lines 1-15 and fig. 1)

- b. **Claim 3** inherits all the limitations of claim 1 but claim 1 does not recite transmits a bit stream. Kim discloses a modulation system, which, inherently, discloses a transmitting system wherein, the system can transmit  $A_i(t)$ . (Fig. 1 and Col. 1, equation (1))

***Allowable Subject Matter***

4. **Claims 2, 4** are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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**Conclusion**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Linda Wong whose telephone number is 571-272-6044. The examiner can normally be reached on 9-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Chin can be reached on (571) 272-3056. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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